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To: Each Supervisor

From: Michael J. Henry  
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Subject: **BLUE CROSS PROVIDER ISSUE**

This is to provide you with changes in Blue Cross' provider network that impacts some County employees and their families enrolled in the CaliforniaCare HMO, Blue Cross Plus Point-of-Service, Prudent Buyer PPO, and Blue Cross Catastrophic plans. It is important to note that benefits remain unchanged and there will be no disruption of care.

Blue Cross advised us that both La Palma Intercommunity Hospital and Huntington Beach Hospital will terminate their contract with Blue Cross effective January 1, 2007.

Blue Cross is mailing letters to all affected employees announcing the termination and informing them of alternate hospitals in the area. Members who are pregnant, currently undergoing a course of treatment, or have a current authorization for health care services may be eligible for transition assistance to ensure continuity of care. Blue Cross network physicians who admit to both La Palma Intercommunity Hospital and Huntington Beach Hospital have been notified of the termination, and will arrange for admissions of all Blue Cross members to alternate facilities.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may call Marian Hall, Senior Human Resources Manager, at (213) 738-2255.

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